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(SCHOOL FOR SPIES)

PHILADELPHIA--A UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT AN ARTICLE IN THE CURRENT RAMPARTS MAGAZINE, LABELING ITS INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH (ICR), A "SCHOOL FOR SPIES," WAS "COMPLETELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION."

THE ICR DOES WORK ON DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, BUT THE MAGAZINE ARTICLE'S CONTENTION THAT THE RESEARCH CONCERNED "THE UNITED STATES GERM WARFARE PROGRAM" WAS "CATEGORICALLY UNTRUE."

THE STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT THERE ARE NO CLASSIFIED AREAS ON ITS CAMPUS OR THAT ANY OF ITS RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE CLASSIFIED "SECRET."

THE UNIVERSITY ALSO DISPUTED THE RAMPARTS STATEMENT THAT ITS FINANCIAL STATUS WITHOUT FEDERAL FUNDS WAS "PRECARIOUS." THAT STATEMENT POINTED TO A LARGE ALUMNI GIVING RESPONSE TO APPEALS AND SAID DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS WERE ONLY ABOUT 5.25 PER CENT OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET.

THE ICR'S DIRECTOR, DR. CARL CHAMBERS, IS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER. THE INSTITUTE'S CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT POINTS OUT THAT "ALTHOUGH THE PARTICULAR TASKS UNDER STUDY VARY FROM TIME TO TIME, THE PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS DURING THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN ON THE STUDY OF THE PROTECTION OF MILITARY FORCES AND CIVILIAN POPULATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE ATTACKED BY CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS."

IN ANOTHER SEGMENT OF THE ARTICLE, RAMPARTS SAID A CERTAIN ILLEGIB POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE DEALT EXTENSIVELY WITH COVERT INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, BUT THE UNIVERSITY SAID A LISTING OF FIVE TOPICS IN THE ARTICLE WHICH WOULD SEEM TO BEAR OUT THE CONTENTION WERE "IN TRUTH...SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE MAIN SUBJECT WHICH IS OVERT HIGH LEVEL POSITIVE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE..."

THE MAGAZINE SAID A STUDENT IT IDENTIFIED AS TOM GLASER, GOT AN "A" IN THE COURSE BECAUSE HE "ZAPPED" THE UNIVERSITY ROTC IN A FIELD EXERCISE, BUT THE UNIVERSITY SAID GLASER GOT AN "I" (INCOMPLETE) FOR THE COURSE.

THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING "THERE IS NOTHING IN THE RAMPARTS ARTICLE OF A FACTUAL NATURE THAT HASN'T BEEN WELL-KNOWN TO INTERESTED PARTIES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS."

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